

Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development
First floor conference room, Town Hall Annex, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA
September 26, 2018 7:00 pm Meeting Minutes

Attendance

ATED members: Angela Olszewski, Billy Lyons, Bob Tosi, Jr., Bob Radochia, Bob Bowes, John Hurd, Steve Poltorzycki; Guests: Ted Peluso

Call to Order

Angela called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes

Steve made a motion, seconded by Bob B., to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Reimbursements

Tom Davison was unable to attend the meeting, but relayed to Angela that he has requested an updated balance from the Comptroller's Office.

Economic Development Projects

Committee members reported on business group meetings that they had attended:

- Bob T. attended two meetings in the Heights. Businesses are working with DPW on using the existing signs to promote their events. They were pleased to have a presence from ATED.
- Bob B. reported that the center merchants are concerned about the vacant stores and cleanliness of the center.
- Bob B. and Billy attended the Chamber meeting. A suggestion was made to present a list of common concerns across all business communities to the town. John mentioned that the town had applied for a grant to do some of the work, but it was not awarded.
- Steve mentioned that public art can be available to beautify the storefronts

The committee determined that wasn't a specific project for ATED at this point. We will continue to be present at business meetings and determine ways we can be supportive.

Visitor Center

We had a successful day on Town Day. The center will be staffed on the 29th for a poetry slam, which is part of the bikeway celebration. Angela will organize a thank-you reception for the volunteers who have helped out at the visitor center. She will try to organize a tour at the Dallin Museum, followed by refreshments. Bob R. mentioned that we should install a ceiling fan with light. The porch needs painting. We will contact Mike Raudemacher to see what can be done.

Cultural District/Activities

Steve reported on various arts activities: website launched on Town Day; committees have all been placed under one umbrella; public art, including at the bus shelters, is being used to connect the segments of the cultural district; ACA is almost done with its renovation and expects to open in late October. Ted commented on the website.

Committee Vacancies

We have heard of interest from one of the business owners. Angela will follow-up.

There was no old or new business.

Adjournment

Steve made a motion, seconded by Bob B., to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. The motion passed unanimously.